

# This is Where We Say Goodbye

by **Howard McKenzie-Murray**

'Remarkable — a funny, heartrending fever dream of a book' *Marty Donald*

## **ABOUT THE BOOK**

The day after Maud Tarkington turns twenty-one, she must attend the funeral of her favourite brother, Lloyd. But instead, Maud is ricocheting around the city, looking for signs of life – will she even make it to Lloyd's send-off?

Shortlisted for the 2024 Hungerford Award, *This Is Where We Say Goodbye* is a quirky, bittersweet story about family ties, memory and the unexpected ways we hold it together when everything has fallen apart.

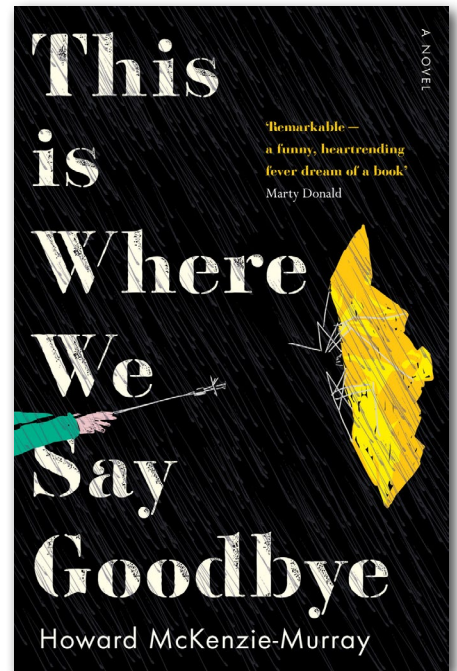
## **ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

Howard McKenzie-Murray is a fiction writer and playwright from the settler-state of Western Australia. His short fiction has been shortlisted nationally and internationally. Most recently, his short fiction can be found in the 2025 anthology *Stranger Weather*. *This Is Where We Say Goodbye* is his first novel.



## **NOTES**

- The author is a playwright and this novel compresses explosive material into a compact time frame with clever dialogue.
- This is a situational tragedy, capturing the turbulence of early adulthood.
- It is also a quirky coming-of-age novel that takes place in a hectic 24-hour time-frame.
- Maud is a singular and unforgettable character, avoiding friends and family, while spending a day and a night looking for someone to connect with.
- *This Is Where We Say Goodbye* was shortlisted for the 2024 Hungerford Award.
- The book is for readers of both adult fiction and young adult fiction.



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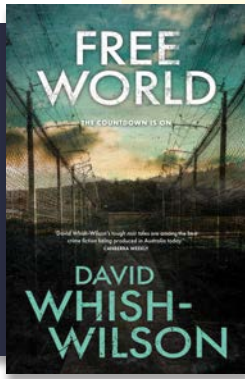
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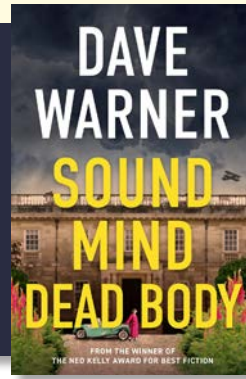
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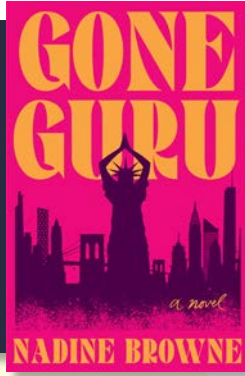
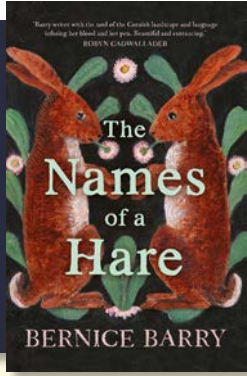
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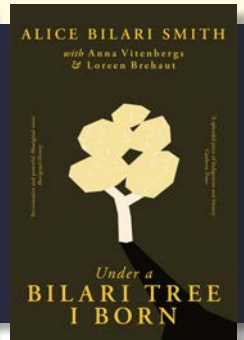
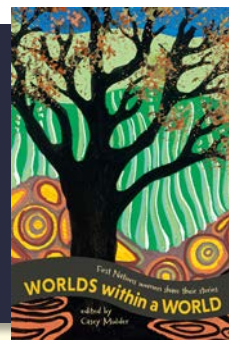
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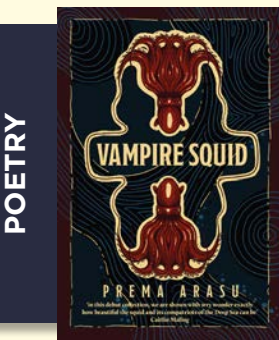
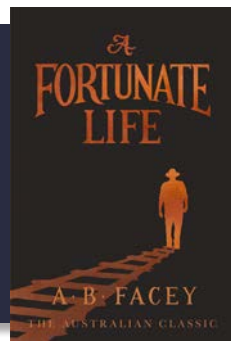
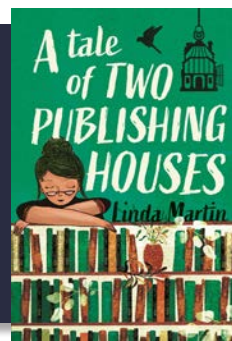
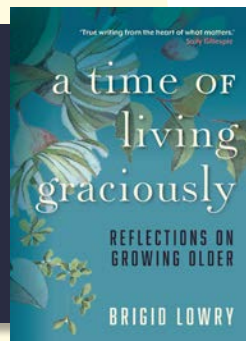
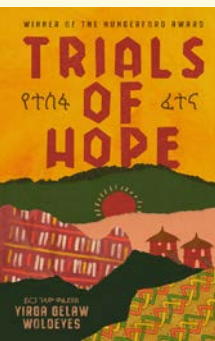
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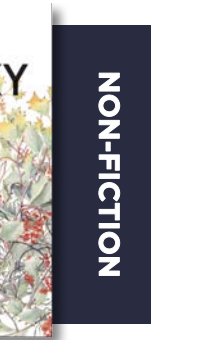
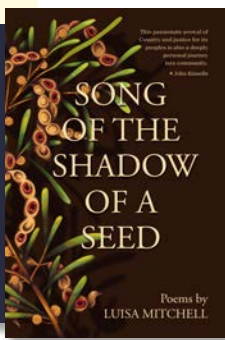
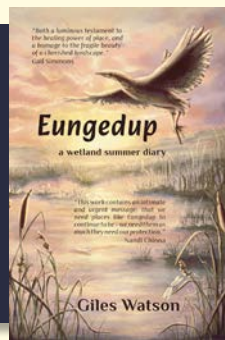
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